New polio cases

3927. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 83 per cent of all new polio cases are found in our country; and

(b) the special steps Government propose to take to combat the deadly disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. During 2002, India reported 83 per cent of all new cases reported globally.

(b) The pulse polio immunization is being intensified during 2003-04 as against 2002-03. As against two national immunization rounds and two sub-national immunization rounds during 2002-03, the 2003-04 strategy recommended by Indian Advisory Expert Group comprises of four sub-national immunization rounds in 10 high-risk States during April 03 (already conducted), June 03, September 03 and November 03 and two national rounds during January and February, 04.

Following special measures have been taken with special reference to the States where large number of polio cases have been detected.

(i) In order to improve the detection and vaccination of missed children, the house-to-house vaccination teams in Uttar Pradesh (which reported about 78 per cent of total cases in the country during 2002), have been strengthened with the addition of a third member from within the local community.

(ii) The community mobilisers have been engaged for improving the implementation of the programme in resistant areas.

(iii) The house-to-house vaccination of missed children is being done for five days after the booth day as against two day in other parts of the country.

(iv) Additional Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities are being conducted.

(v) The implementation of the programme is being closely monitored at the apex political and bureaucratic levels both in the Government of India as also in the States.

(vi) Local influencers/social and religious leaders are being involved for advocacy and ensuring greater participation of the people in the programme.

(vii) One surveillance Medical Officer has been posted in each districts in order to help the States in ensuring better monitoring and supervision.

Allocation for AIIMS

3928. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have directed the All India Institute of Medical Sciences to generate revenue to meet its deficit;

(b) the annual allocation of Government for AIIMS and its annual expenditure;

(c) whether this will not put burden on patients; and

(d) whether Government propose to enhance annual allocation for AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No specific instructions have been issued by the Government of India to the Institute in this regard. However, the Institute is expected to generate internal resources for meeting a portion of the non-Plan expenditure.

(b) The annual allocation of funds to AIIMS and expenditure under Plan during the last three years is as under:—

(Rupees in crores)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2001-02	95.00	104.10
2002-03	105.00*	72.65 (upto Feb. 2003)
2003-04	105.00	—

*In addition to the above, the Institute was provided approx. Rs. 20.81 crore additional funds for development works during 2002-03.